



TBI Waiver 2002 Report

Vermont Services

- ✓ TBI Waiver
- ✓ Employment Supports
- ✓ Acute Rehab Services
- ✓ Professionals with TBI Expertise
- ✓ Vermont Chapter of BIA
- ✓ Educational Supports
- ✓ Network of 19 TBI Provider Agencies

TBI Services Bring Vermonters Home!

Vermont's Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver Program successfully diverted and/or returned Vermonters with traumatic brain injury from placement in out-of-state facilities.

Vermont Statistics

- ◆ 4,600 Vermonters are living with brain injury.*
- ◆ Annually, 400 Vermonters require hospitalization due to brain injury. Approx. 7% do not survive TBI.
- ◆ Vermont spends over \$2 million each year on community rehabilitation services for individuals with brain injury, through the Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver Program.

*Statistics based on VT Dept. of Health, in-patient hospital discharges (1994 - 2000)

National Statistics

- ◆ 5.3 million Americans currently live with disabilities resulting from TBI
- ◆ Over 50,000 people die each year because of TBI.
- ◆ Annually, 100,000 people receive a long-term disability resulting from TBI.

All individuals served on the TBI Waiver improve their quality of life and level of functioning!

Vermonters Receiving Services

PROGRAM GOAL : *“Assist individuals to obtain their optimal level of functioning and to successfully resume living and working in their own home community among family, friends and neighbors”.*

Funded by State and Federal agencies since October 1, 1994, the short-term community-based TBI Waiver Rehabilitation Program, serves individuals under the administration of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Services

*Case Management	*Rehabilitation	*Community Supports
*Respite	*Assistive Technology	*Psychological Supports
*Crisis Supports	*Employment Supports	*Long-term Option

Eligibility

- ✓ Vermont resident & receiving Vermont Medicaid
- ✓ 16 years of age or older
- ✓ Diagnosed with a documented (e.g.: CAT Scan) recent moderate to severe, traumatically acquired non-degenerative, structural brain injury
- ✓ Requires 1:1 instruction focusing on independent living skills and vocational supports in the community
- ✓ Participation in a substance abuse treatment program if a documented history of such abuse exists
- ✓ Potential to benefit from rehabilitation services and demonstrate a response to their current program.
- ✓ Continued eligibility is determined by the individual's progress and reviewed every 6 months.

Average length of TBI Waiver services for rehabilitation - 1 year 8 months

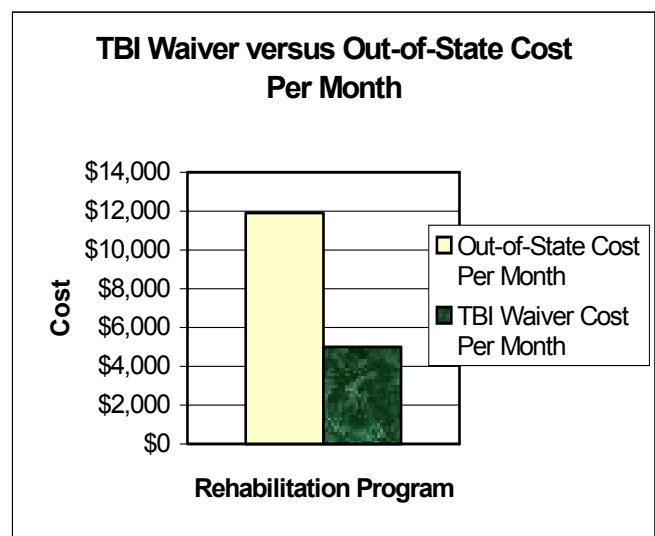
TBI Waiver Program

2002 Accomplishments

- ✓ **Successful Federal Audit**
- ✓ **TBI Waiver Renewal Approved**
- ✓ **Implementation of Maternal Child Health Bureau TBI Planning Grant**
- ✓ **Development of Statewide TBI Advisory Board**
- ✓ **Increased employment out-comes for TBI Waiver clients**
- ✓ **Collaboration with Mental Health Agencies to provide a comprehensive array of services for individuals with brain injury**
- ✓ **Selection for “Performance Based Budgeting” State initiative**
- ✓ **Technical assistance to Brain Injury Association of Vermont**
- ✓ **Successful 13th Annual TBI Conference! Over 380 consumers, caregivers and professionals attend!**
- ✓ **Average of one individual per year requires out-of-state placement**

**“TBI Waiver Saves
Vermont
\$2,000,000
Each Year”**

Average TBI Waiver cost per person is
\$5,000 per month versus out-of-state
cost of \$12,000 per month

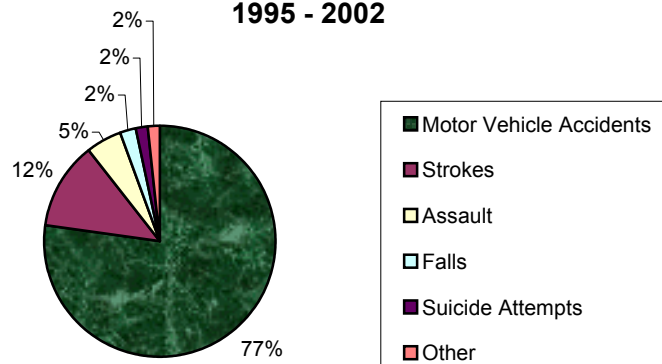


INDIVIDUAL SUCCESS

- ✓ Peter moved steadily through his rehabilitation program always with a 100% commitment and positive attitude. He now lives on his own, and is employed as a Residential Supervisor where each day he offers hope and courage to survivors, families and professionals.
- ✓ Elizabeth's enthusiasm, zest for life, passion, and positive attitude that sustained her on the road to recovery now allows her to once again be employed and live in her own home as well as motivate others in their rehab journeys!

**Sub-
stances
involved
in 63%
of all in-
juries.**

**Vermont TBI Waiver Cause of Injury
1995 - 2002**



On-going Challenges

- ✓ **Limited public education and awareness of TBI**
- ✓ **Limited services for individuals with mild to moderate injuries**
- ✓ **No TBI Targeted Case Management in State Plan**
- ✓ **Limited funded slots for long-term supports**
- ✓ **Limited TBI Waiver Service re-imbursement**
- ✓ **Limited support groups for caregivers and consumer**
- ✓ **Limited long-term Supported Employment funding for individuals with TBI**

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